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The State Department . was as concerned that U.S. counter-electronic 'meas-: ures might be affecting the health of Moscow Embassy employes as it was about microwaves beamed at the building by the Soviet, a ward explaining the careful U.S. official disclosed yes--- and limited explanations terday:

that he not be named, said 🖟 that when the current radiation scare startedseveral weeks ago the State . Department thought it was as likely that U.S. equip-ment might be to blame for y reported illnesses as Soviet:

State Department spokesman Robert Funseth said yesterday, however, that the department's medical division has found no medical problems related to the situation at the Embassy. A medical technician was sent from Washington six weeks ago to run 🦠 blood tests and other checks on the 500 or more U.S. per- a United States was reducing sonnel, he said.

FUNSETH SAID a new physician, Dr. Samuel Zweifel, was sent to Moscow a week ago, but he said Zweifel was only there to permit the regular Embassy physican, Dr. Thomas Johnson, to take annual leave.

. Another _source | Zweifel i

was sent to Moscow specifically because of concern for the health of Embassy employes. Thomas 9:5/13

The disclosure that U.S. counter-intelligence elec-tronic measures were regarded as possible health threats goes a long way tobeing given by Secretary of The official, who asked State Henry A. Kissinger and his spokesman about the situation. 10,237, 2011 110

At a press conference two weeks ago, Kissinger said only: "This issue is a matter of great delicacy which has a many ramifications. We have made unilateral jamming devices. ... efforts to reduce any dangers and we are also engaged in discussions on the subject. But I do not believe it would serve these purposes if I went into any greater detail."....

At the time, the phrase "unilateral efforts" had no special meaning, and reporters were left to speculate- it might, mean; the its use of listening devices so the Soviets Union might reduce its listening or jamming devices. Risk integral of

NOW IT appears that there may have been greater potential threat from the kind of microwaves generated inside the Embassy than from the microwaves beamed at it by the Russians.

Soviet officials privately admitted to the New York Times earlier this week that microwaves were beamed at the Embassy to iam U.S. listening devices on the roof. It is no secret that such microwave emissions have been used by both countries in Moscow for at least 15 years.

"Aware of the Soviet capability to listen in on Embassy conversations from posts at least a block away, the U.S. Embassy has equipment capable of erecting an electronic wall to jam such interceptions.

One U.S. official said the "unilateral" action referred to by Kissinger may have been a decision to reduce the level of the Embassy's own counterintelligence emissions for the protection of Embassy employes.

-: Glomar Explorer's Barge May Help Energy Program

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI). - The federal Energy Research and Development Administration said yesterday it was taking over the barge attached to the Glomar Explorer spy ship to see whether it can be used in research on energy production from the sea.

The agency said it was taking "temporary custody" of the Glomar Explorer's submersible barge and platform used an attempt to raise a sunken Soviet submarine in the Pacific. ERDA said it would not be able to use the Glomac Explorer itorn California.

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